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## **YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW ORLAND RECREATION CENTER**

It is time to start planning for the Opening Day of the New Orland Recreation Center. This facility will provide programs and activities for all ages. It will be available for the community to rent for wedding receptions, birthdays, family reunions, and all kinds of events. It will also be available for sporting events like tournaments, leagues, games, etc. This will also be the new home for the Orland Recreation Department.

The Opening Day is set for Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Andy's Butcher Block will be providing a tri-tip sandwich, chips, and drinks for the low price of \$5.

The grand opening event invites the community to come out to see the new facility and what the Recreation Department has to offer. The facility schedule will be available for viewing all the activities or programs.

A little history of the Recreation Center. This endeavor started over three years ago. The Recreation Department was growing and so was the community. The City received \$440,000 of Prop 40 funding from the State and County. Additional \$440,000 came from park impact fees. There was no money spent out of the General Fund.

There were several questions about the Recreation Center. Why did the City build it at Lely Aquatic Park? Why not another place closer to the middle of town? The Recreation Center was built at Lely Aquatic Park because the City already owned the land, the park is used more than any other park, additionally the park had the proper parking area for a building of this size, and there is a paved bike/walking path to this park. The City did look at building it at Vinsonhaler Park but it would have to remove one lighted softball field or three big trees. The City also looked at Spence Park but the building was too big and would have had to remove another softball field. Vinsonhaler and Spence Park also did not have the right parking capacity for a building this size as well.

This Project could not have been completed without the help and support from all the community and City Staff. A special thank you goes out to the Public Works Crew, the City Planning/Building Department, the City Hall Staff, and Shufelberger Construction.

## **Two Words From Public Works Water Conservation**

Spring is almost here and some of you may be planning a garden or thinking your home's landscaping needs some sprucing up. Before you head to the nursery or your seed catalogs, consider what kind of water bill you want to see when the valley temperatures reach over 100. Xeriscape – landscaping with plants that use less water – has become a popular way for people to cut outdoor water use by as much as 50 percent. Also, many people water their lawns too often and for too long, oversaturating plants. Test your lawn, if a patch of grass springs back after stepping on it, it doesn't need water.

We did see rain in February to bring up some well levels but it still might be a good idea for you to look at how you use water around your home or business. Americans use large quantities of water inside their homes. A family of four can use 400 gallons of water every day, and, on average, approximately 70 percent of that water is used indoors (*EPA Water Sense July 07*). What is the largest consumer of indoor water? You're right, the home bathroom. Purchasing a WaterSense® labeled toilet would reduce your water needs by 75 percent. Also, turning off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving can save more than 200 gallons of water per month.

Twice a year City Council authorizes the Public Works Department to pick-up any brush, leaves or green waste that is placed in front of residences within the City limits for a one week period. The next green waste pick-up is tentatively scheduled for April. Watch for a message on your next water bill regarding this service.



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## Recreation Department March 2009

The Orland Recreation Department is coming to the end of the Youth Basketball League. The last game for the 6-10 year olds was February 28<sup>th</sup>. The 11-14 year olds have one more week then they will be finished. The league was very successful this year. The success of the league was all due to the help of all the volunteer coaches.

We have also started another Adult Basketball League that runs Monday and Wednesday nights. The league has started the first three weeks at CK Price Gym but will move to the new Recreation Center when it is complete. There are ten teams in this league with some good competition.

There is also Adult Coed Flag Football on Thursday nights with seven teams in the league. The league started four weeks ago and will end in April. All games are played at Bihler Field.

Summer time is coming near and the City of Orland Recreation Department is looking for Lifeguards and Pool Cleaners. All returning Lifeguards or Pool Cleaners will start at step 2 of the wage scale. Lifeguards with Water Safety Instructor (WSI) certification are recommended but not required. WSI Certification is required to teach swim lessons.

### **The requirements for Lifeguarding are:**

- Lifeguard Training Certificate (valid for 3 yrs)
- CPR for the professional rescuer or health care provider (valid 1 yr)
- Title 22 (valid 3 yrs)
- WSI (optional)
- Must be 16 yrs of age

All Lifeguards are responsible for obtaining all their own qualifications. If you pass your classes and are hired for the position, the City of Orland will **reimburse the certification fees** at the end of the summer. To be reimbursed, you need to be available all summer unless approved by the Recreation Director. Contact the Recreation Department for Lifeguard Class information. Come to the Recreation Department or Orland City Hall and fill out an application. All applications are due March 20th. For more information call the Orland Recreation Department at 865-1630.

**Job Description:** To oversee rules and regulation for the Orland City Pool. Responsible for the safety of all who are using the pool during pool hours. Could be responsible for cleaning the pool before opening and other times that are necessary.

Some things to look forward to in the Recreation Department would be the Opening Day of the Recreation Center on March 18th, T-Ball sign ups and T-Ball games starting March 21st, Adult Fast Break Basketball for ages 18 years and older, Adult Slow Break Basketball for ages 35 and older, Adult Volleyball, Adult Coed Softball, Men's Fast Pitch Softball, Men's Slow Pitch Softball, and all the Summer Camps.

For any information regarding any recreation activity or if you have any ideas for new programs, please feel free to call or email the Recreation Department. You can find all schedules, forms, or information about the Recreation Department on the City website. [www.cityoforland.com](http://www.cityoforland.com)

## COMMISSION VACANCIES

There is currently one vacancy on the Arts Commission and one vacancy on the Public Works Commission. This is an excellent opportunity for concerned citizens to have input in their government. For applications please stop by City Hall or visit the city website at: [www.cityoforland.com](http://www.cityoforland.com) .



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## Orland Free Library

Book Buddies: "Big kids helping little kids to read."

The library will offer a new program called Book Buddies on Wednesday afternoons 4:00 to 4:45 p.m., beginning March 11th & continuing through the school year.

Children in kindergarten to 4th grade will be paired with older students in grades 5-12 for weekly sessions where they will read together, play literacy-focused games & earn prizes.

The program offers youth of all ages the opportunity to improve their literacy skills & motivate others to read.

Register for Book Buddies by contacting Jody Meza, 865-1640 or jodymeza@gmail.com.

Other March library programs: Crafty Kids (grades 3-5) Lucky Charms: March 12 at 4:00 p.m. Make a lucky green craft for St. Patrick's Day.

Teen Program (grades 6-12) Spring Butterflies: March 19 at 4:00 p.m. Welcome spring with a jeweled butterfly.

**The Friends of the Library's Spring Book Sale will be held April 20-25, at St. Dominic's Parish Hall, 830 A Street.**

New adult non-fiction added in February:

"Book Smart" Jane Mallison

"Factory Girls: from Village to City in a Changing China" Leslie Chang

"A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier" Ishmael Beah

"When I'm 64: the Plot Against Pensions & the Plan to Save Them" Teresa Ghilarducci " A History of Palestine" Gudrun Kramer

"Acedia & Me: a Marriage, Monks, & a Writer's Life" Kathleen Norris "Shapeshifting with our Animal Companions" Dawn Brunke

The library is open 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday and Tuesday & Thursday noon to 8:00 p.m. The library website is [www.orlandfreelibrary.net](http://www.orlandfreelibrary.net).

## HOME-BASED BUSINESS INFORMATION

If you are starting a home occupation or conducting business from your home, you may need more than just a City Business License. You may need an Administrative Use Permit. The cost of an Administrative Use Permit is \$65.00 and is approved by staff, without the necessity of a Public Hearing. This allows an efficient and streamlined process for both the applicant and staff. Please contact the Community Services Director Nancy Sailsbery at (530) 865-1608 for more information or to determine if you need an Administrative Use Permit. Applications for an Administrative Use Permit are also available for your convenience on the City's website under the Planning Department.



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## ORLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

### IRS "Phishing" Trip

Every day we hear about email scams that try to get access to your computer system or financial information. When these scam artists tell you they are the IRS looking for information, it's very difficult to ignore. Among the endless lists of internet frauds and scams is the yearly surge of IRS email scams.

Bogus emails claiming to be from the IRS are another type of identity theft. Thieves behind the IRS emails persuade you to disclose personal and financial information, such as credit card number and social security numbers ostensibly so you can check the status of your tax return or pay your taxes on line.

This is known as "phishing" for information. It is an attempt to steal your financial assets and identity.

According to the FBI there is an increase in IRS email scams as we near the April 15<sup>th</sup> tax deadline. The IRS and the FBI both caution consumers to disregard any email purportedly from the IRS since the IRS never contacts consumers through email.

There are two common types of IRS email scams. These emails will either:

1. Claim that you are eligible for a tax refund for a certain amount of money; or
2. Offer to provide you with information regarding status of your IRS tax refund. This email contains a link to a website that is nearly identical to the real IRS website and asks you for personal identifying information or and credit card information.

If you receive or have received an email purportedly from the IRS take the following steps:

1. Never open an email claiming to be from the IRS unless you have sent an inquiry to them. The IRS never solicits information from citizens about financial records or social security numbers. Do not open any attachments or click on any links from emails claiming to be the IRS. As with any unsolicited email you receive, never offer bank or credit card account information. Email technology is not secure, so never send any personal information or Social Security numbers via email.
2. File a complaint immediately with the IC3 at [www.ic3.gov/](http://www.ic3.gov/)
3. Contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 in order to determine if you really are due a tax refund.
4. Immediately forward any suspected e-mail to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). It will be researched and halted.

If an IRS agent needs to contact you it will be through U.S. Mail or by phone and that too is unlikely. Protect yourself from IRS Scams. Don't become a victim. Take the extra step now. Learn how to safeguard your personal information; and monitor your bank accounts and credit history.

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## ORLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

March is here, and it's time for the 97th Annual Fireman's Ball on Saturday, March 21. The Ball was originally held at the Orland Opera House located at the South-East corner of Fifth and Colusa. The Orland Opera House was torn down in 1920. For a good picture of it, look in Gene Russell's book "The Land of Orland" on page 21. The Ball later moved to Memorial Hall, then to the Fairgrounds, and finally back to Memorial Hall ten years ago, where it belongs. So much has changed since those early years. At the Firehouse, there is a copy of a Dance Card from one of the first Balls. Most of us today have never even heard of a Dance Card.

The Volunteers will begin going door to door Saturday, March 7th in the City and the 14th, in the Rural areas. The Ball is by Donation. When a Volunteer comes to your door, he is not so much selling tickets, but asking for a donation to support the Volunteers. This year's Captains are Atilla Bereczky for the North (Red) Team, and Roy Jones for the South (Green) Team. We divide the Department into the two teams, and whichever team loses, has to suffer The Penalty on the day of the Ball. Last year the South Team won, and the North Team, led by Steve Nunes, had to ride mules through downtown Orland. The North is looking to rise again this year. Come out to the Firehouse at 2:00 on the 21st to see which team wins.

Going door to door in both the City and Rural District takes an enormous amount of effort, but over the years it has proven to be a good way for the Volunteers to meet the community, and learn the areas. We look forward to seeing you at the Ball, and thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Spaghetti Feed**—The OVFD Spaghetti Feed was held February 1st, and was once again a great success. Thank you to all who helped support it. The money from the Feed is used for equipment, with the main focus on rescue equipment.

**Burning**—Burning is not allowed within the City Limits of Orland. There are a few homeowners that have agricultural exemptions from when they were annexed into the City. If you have an exemption, you must still have a Burn Permit, and follow the Glenn County Air Pollution rules. For those of you living in the Rural area, or having an exemption in the City, first you must get a burn permit from Glenn County Air Pollution. The only items you are allowed to burn are yard pruning, or agricultural burns. Burning treated wood, waste, plastic or garbage can result in a substantial fine. Follow the instructions on your Permit. First call the Air Pollution number to determine if it is a burn day, and to notify them of your burn. Next call our Fire Dispatch at 824-7017 to notify us of your burn. Be a good neighbor, especially those of you on the edge of the City. While we get complaints of illegal burns, a frequent problem is hanging smoke. Make sure the material is dry. Wet grass or leaves burn slowly and create a lot of smoke. When the smoke drifts into neighbors homes it creates problems. If your burn pile is not ready, wait for another day. If it is not burning well, and the smoke is drifting towards your neighbors, consider putting it out. Place a hose and sprinkler on it and make sure it is out.

**Wood Stoves & Fireplaces**—Chimney fires are always a concern. Here in Orland, we have not had too many this year, but there have been a rash of chimney fires in Willows this year. It's important to get your chimney checked and cleaned. A chimney fire is a scary event that can lead to your home catching fire if there are any imperfections in your chimney. It's not too late to get your chimney checked and cleaned. Chimney fires are caused by a build up of Creosote. The best way to avoid a chimney fire is to keep it cleaned. Don't burn unseasoned wood, treated wood, leftover lumber, or paper. If you do have a chimney fire: 1) Call 911. 2) Get everyone out of the house. 3) Try to close the damper. This will cut off the oxygen to the fire. If you have had a chimney fire, don't re-light the wood stove or fireplace until you have a qualified person inspect it. The extreme heat of a chimney fire can crack the mortar, or burn through the wall of the metal ducts.



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## City of Orland Community Services Department

The City of Orland Economic Development Commission (EDC) has prepared a 2009 Development Plan and a Draft Strategic Plan to address economic development and to build effective and comprehensive economic development strategies within the City of Orland.

The intent of these two Plans is to identify specific actions and programs that will allow the City to achieve adopted goals for the economic well being and growth of the City and its residents.

The 2009 Development Plan identifies the development of a Draft Strategic Plan, continuing the Façade Improvement Program, a provision for Clean & Green I-5 Entryways, and a continuance toward the marketing of our existing local products and the expansion of local retail sales.

Guidelines are currently being formulated for the Draft Strategic Plan. This proposed Plan will include the guidelines, goals and objectives for Business Retention and Expansion, Downtown Revitalization, Real Estate Packaging and Development, Neighborhood and Infill for Nonresidential Development, Industrial Development, Entrepreneurship and Technology, Workforce Development, Cluster Development, Funding Resources, Annexation, Retail Development, Stony Creek Streamside Development, and Organizational Development.

These two Plans together will create a tool to keep quality firms and jobs in Orland, facilitate the expansion of growing firms and new business development, build upon the Downtown Area's architectural and historical resources, increase development through a streamlined review process, business attraction, enhance existing industrially-zoned parcels, support entrepreneurs and technology firms, create a competitive workforce, stimulate business development, secure funding, and build a diverse retail base.

The Economic Development Commission will be presenting their 2009 Development Plan for discussion to the City Council at its March 2, 2009 meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Carnegie Center (912 Third Street, Orland).

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